an exhaust line to exhaust pressurizing gas from the processing chamber; a pressure regulator to regulate pressure within the processing chamber; a source of electroless plating solution;

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a sprayer provided within the processing chamber and connected to the source of electroless plating solution to spray the electroless plating solution onto the at least one substrate; and

a drain provided in the processing chamber to drain the electroless plating solution from the processing chamber.

Please and the following new claims to the application:

---28. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a source of inert gas, wherein the pressurizing gas comprises the inert gas and the inlet to provide pressurizing gas is connected to the source of inert gas.

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29. The apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the means for pressurizing the processing chamber includes means for introducing inert gas into the processing chamber.